

HOMER'S PHILOSOPHY.

Sum pears are too durn and lary to turn even in the shole of want. They play with there fingerse and starve.

Far better tho marry a skoldin woman and make a failly e ov life than too make a failly of life and not marry at awl.

War often settles men, and settles was fur good, but it never settles maters. Men settle maters wen they are cool and easuall.

She (approvingly)—And you won her hand?

He—I suppose so—ve been under thumb ever since.—Tid-Bits.

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In a paper in the September number of Appleton's Popular Science Monthly on The Depopulation of France, M. Jacques Berthelin criticizes various measures that have been proposed to check the alarming decrease in the population of that country, and outlines a scheme for encouraging marriages and the rearing of large families, through the granting of special privileges by the state.

Mr. W. H. Hays, who has been recently re-elected treasurer of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has been in the employ of the company for forty-six years, and has been treasurer since May, 1886. When a small boy in Baltimore he saw the great parade that Baltimoreans arranged to celebrate the laying of the corner-stone of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on July 4, 1829.

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HUGO AS AN ARTIST.

The Famous Poet's Love of Sketching—A Homage with His Pencil.

A little considered aspect of Victor Hugo's many-sided genius is considered by Le Comte de Lantrepe in the July Century.

In the first years of exile, during his stay at Jersey, Victor Hugo had no time or thought for drawing. "I must not work and make money," he had been his first words on landing. Yet during this period of incessant labor, once a year, toward the close of December, he took up his pen to draw for absent friends what he called his New Year's visiting cards. The principal recipients of these keepsakes were Jules Janin and MM. Saint Victor, Borty, Vaqueiro and Paul Meurice. These cards show some fancy landscape, a ruin or a meditation with a woman's head, the date and the signature of the sender. On all of these cards the signature is invariably large, ornamental, devoting, so to speak, the best part of the sketch. Sometimes the letters are tinted in red, which gives to the card the appearance of those title pages for books so in fashion during the romantic era. For that matter Victor Hugo has not disdained to compose title pages with his name thus inscribed for popular works of his as "Le Rhin."

Seldom if ever any poetry was written on these cards, which seem curious, for he must have known how much more valuable these souvenirs would have been to his friends by a brace of verses composed specially for them. The date was generally written in diminished figures, as if with the intention of putting aside the character of the anniversary. Yet on one of them we read a frank proclamation of the flight of time. "The thirteenth year of absence," says the card de visite sent in 1864 to his old friend Paul Meurice. The flourish at first, believing that exile is not to last, had waned.

At the time this card de visite was sent he had resumed his everyday practice of sketching. This particular design shows well with what case it has been blocked in. Indeed, what was said above relative to Victor Hugo's bolder and freer form of expression in literature, dating from the first years of his exile, can also be said about his artistic endeavors. The state of his mind exerted its influence over every manifestation of his thought. All there was of timidity in his early drawings had entirely disappeared. We cannot quite say that there was in these drawings the sureness of a professional artist. That would be saying too much, for Victor Hugo drew very much after the fashion of children, who draw a tree with dissatisfied with it into a cloud. He made a copious use of the water-color in fact, of anything that was at hand, were it a remnant of coffee left in his cup, so his drawings often exhibited in something quite different from what he intended at first. But for all that he proceeded with the splendid sureness of a man more practiced than he was in reality, and his amateurship was characterized by such dash that it frequently gives us the illusion of mastery.

THE DESERT SIMOOM.
A Graphic Description of a Visit of This Scorching Breath.

So this yellow, unbanned life drags its yellow weight across the endless plains, says Elizabeth Washburn in the July Atlantic. A fatiguing, awful march; no hope, no halt for man or beast; but on, over the spreading billows of biting sands, of glowing, shifting, sinking sands, with overhead the hot sky, blue and hard, and blazing in its mid the scorching eye that burns and blisters with its sight.

In agony the camels stumble on, beat at the dense hot wall. Desperately the coolies hunch their faces in the hot, awaying hunches before them, but through their stupor there beats a wave of consciousness. A shudder brings them to a knowledge of a something awful. Through the sun steeped, sun bleached minds there cuts a keener stab. They are awake to what?

Into the coarse camel hair they dig their fists. Tighter they press to the living things beneath them. They look not to one another. Words they have not. The prevalence of this heat they dare not breathe. Convulsively they cling to the stumbling beasts, and in low, dry sob the anguish of body breaks forth. Between the two, the brute and man, there strikes a flash of mutual pain and torment. An instant, and down the camel line there breaks the brutal shrill, soul like cry. As if they voice their ill, the pent up spirit of the bitter yellow beasts, burdened and tortured for life.

In it comes a question for the shrieking wretches lying on their humps. The bitter sounds fall on the parched, tense air and die away.

Far and away comes a gasp—a hot, vicious pant. Again it comes—a breath of fire that touched and is gone. The great line halts as one. A blank, dead moment. In it the bosom of the desert heaves, and a breath rolls toward the waiting line. With broken moans the creatures bend their knees and wait the coming of the storm. Another scorching breath—a timeless wait.

Far to the east it starts, across the sands it whirls in circling hoops that form at last a wall. On it curls, swiftly, silently. With a hot, fierce lurch it falls upon the crouching backs, stinging with fangs of fire, pelting, blinding the gasping, panting creatures, with its dry lash whipping out the lives of men and beasts. Faster, thicker, hotter, fall the sands, crushing and burying with a merciless weight—an ocean of burning fire, pouring wrath and strength upon these wretches as it hurries its mad force across the desert. The billows toss and heave and break at last to sweep on—on for other prey.

Romance.
When Flora makes soft music,
And all the lights are low,
And dark winds sweep their alleys
Among the roses low,
I wander in a country
Where once I used to go,
A land of vague and sweet delights
That only lovers know.

Over her fingers dropping
I see her shadowy hair,
So from some dim old canvas
Might stand our twilight air.
The grace that was so lovely,
The face that was so fair,
That the painter lost his cunning,
And the priest forgot his prayer.

I wonder if this life of ours
Repeats its sweetest scene;
If under other stars we meet
The loveliest creature seen.
If flowers and her laughter
Only old raptures know,
And in that land of strange delights
Were lovers long ago.

—Harriet Prescott Spofford in July Women's Home Companion.

I often wonder how the most too blame, the man who cheats or the man who submits to be cheated, is a compound folly to allow a thief to escape with plunder, unless he is rich enough to be called a plebeian.

When the toad and the snake struggle for existence God is sitting on the side of the snake. But when the man comes along who murdered his wife and mother the snake has gotten her his head crushed. Survival of the fittest, I suppose.

"They say Russell Sage's income is more than \$10 a minute."

"Well, if that's the case you can hardly blame the old man for not wanting to stop for meals."—Chicago Times-Herald.

The New Turpentine.

A Swede has invented one operated by invisible rays of light, which enables it to explode at will. In like manner Hostetter's Stomach Bitters conquers all stomach troubles. When a sufferer from constipation, dyspepsia or liver complaint takes the Bitters he is sure of a cure. A private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

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A New England school teacher received the following note of caution from the anxious mother of one of her pupils:

"Dear Miss, please do not push Johnny too hard for so much of his brains is intellect entirely that he ought to be held back a good deal or he will run to intellect entirely as I do not desire this. So please hold him back so as to keep his intellect from getting bigger than his body an injuring him for life."

Fall Into His Arms.

"Carmen Sylva," Queen of Roumania, first met her future husband, Prince Charles of Hohenzollern, in a perhaps rather unceremonious manner. One day, when in her teens, running quickly downstairs, her majesty stumbled, and was caught by a gentleman passing. The stranger was no other than Prince Charles.

We sometimes wish there would be less rag-chewing.

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A man got the best of a book agent the other day, and she cried.

My doctor said I would die, but Flora's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Keiser, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 3, '98.

There is a great difference in women, but men are always the same.

Hint to Housekeeper

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A Wonderful Dry Weather Plant—A Texas Farmer's Experience.

Kaffir corn is an excellent forage plant and should be used by farmers far more than it is. There are two kinds, the White and Red (or brown). I prefer the White, but the Red will perhaps make a little larger yield on rich land. The white variety can be thrashed, cleaned and ground into meal and makes good, healthful bread. It must be borne in mind that kaffir is a dry weather and dry land plant. It will make a wonderful growth on wet, rich bottom land, but is apt to mold in the head and the seed to blast or the grain not properly ripen and be hard to cure when harvested, but on moderately rich upland, where the climate is somewhat dry, either kind will flourish. It is a drought bearer, often making a fine crop of grain and fodder when corn would be an entire failure. It is splendid feed for cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, all kinds of poultry except ducks and geese, which cannot pick it up well unless mixed with bran or ground and mixed with milk or water. It can be fed to cattle, grain and fodder all together in the head. The heads can be cut off and fed to hogs and poultry and fodder given to horses. If you wish to thrash it and have it ground coarse (or cracked) or soak in water until swollen.

In Texas it may be planted from March to July, often making a good crop planted on oats stubble. The land should be well plowed and finely pulverized before planting. If you have a two horse corn planter, take your plate which has the most holes, place it on some flat, smooth surface, melt some lead and fill the holes, smooth off the lead so it will work smooth in planter; then take a small hand saw file, if you have nothing better, place it in a brace, secure plate or have some one hold it while you drill a hole in center of lead. Don't make it too large at first. Try with seed until you see it will drop required amount of seed, then put seed in your planter and drive, running planter as shallow as will cover the seed. It is necessary to have the seed clean and free from pieces of the head. Then if you live among the stumps and plant and farm the old way you can prepare land as above and take off shovel and mark off your land with stock, making a furrow about two inches deep and three to four feet apart, drill seed by hand, being careful not to drop too much seed; then cover with a light drag or harrow.

When two or three inches high, harrow it well. Then in a week cultivate with small shovels next to the row with fingers on. By the next time you cultivate you can use larger shovels with fingers or without them, as you choose, bearing in mind the object is to keep soil loose and grain killed until the corn is about waist high; then it will take care of itself. Don't ridge it up much unless your land is wet. If you do not wish to cultivate and cut and shock the crop and wish to harvest with a mower, plant with planter as directed above; then straddle your rows and double plant it, and when grain is in double state cut and cure well. Directions above given apply to sorghum also. I have raised several crops in this way in the west and some in Texas and have generally had a good crop of it, our greatest difficulty here in eastern Texas being to get it cured without molding. I have given instructions which appear best from my own experience, hoping it may be a help to some one, says a writer in Texas Farm and Ranch.

One Way to Put Pigs Out to Grass.

While among the farmers in Wisconsin we ran across a novel device—a movable pigpen, which many of our readers who keep in a pen pigs which they want to put out to grass will find very useful, says a Farm and Fireside writer. The illustration will show how it is made. A pair of old wheels of any kind will answer. One corner is roofed over and floored for a sleeping pen or shelter during a storm. A trough is also permanently attached to the opposite corner.

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Potatoes in Florida Muck Land.

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"I notice," remarked Uncle Allen Sparks, "that they have discovered that the fragrance of a good cigar is due to the presence of a bacillus, and not to the quality of the tobacco itself. It seems to me it would be a good plan to procure a few bacilli—I think that's the plural—from the genuine Cuban tobacco and see if they will grow on the Connecticut cabbage leaf."

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The teachers' institute of New county, Mo., closed with a contest between the girl members to determine which could drive